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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: biographical information on candidates

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, is outlined in document E/2016/9/Add.3. The list of current members is contained in the annex to that document.
2. In a note verbale dated 9 September 2015, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months.
3. Biographical information on the candidates nominated by States parties to the Covenant is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights^a

Mohamad Ezzeldine Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)

Date and place of birth: 24 November 1944, Port-Said, Egypt

Working languages: Arabic, English and French

Education

- PhD, Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva University
- B.A. Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Professional activities

- Lecturer on International Human Rights Law at the Programme for Capacity-Building on Human Rights, UNDP, Egypt (2006-2011)
- Lecturer on International NGOs and International Civil Society, Cairo University (2007-2014)
- Member of the National Committee for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2006-2008)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Future Studies at Suez Canal University, focusing on the impact of large-scale projects on local communities (1996-2004)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Centre of Political and International Studies, Faculty of Economics, Cairo University (1996-2004)
- Member of the American Society of International Law (1987-1996)
- Lecturer on International Organizations, Faculty of Economics, Cairo University (1994-2015)
- Associate Professor, International Law and Organization, Azhar University (2004-2011)
- Associate Professor, International Law and Organization, Suez Canal University (1994-2013)
- Member of the Committee on Economic and Legal Studies at the Supreme Council for Higher Education (2004-2009)
- Member of the National Committee for the Promotion of International Humanitarian Law (1996-2004)

^a The longer version of the curriculum vitae of each candidate may be consulted on the webpage of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- Adviser to the Chairman of the National Council on Human Rights on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2005)
- Adviser to the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States: working on Humanitarian Diplomacy, drafting the Statute for the Arab Court of Human Rights (2005-2012). Assistant to the Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs (2002-2004)
- Member of the General Directorate for Economic Research, focusing on the social impact of IMF and World Bank policies, Cairo (1967-1969). Alternate Representative to the United Nations Office at Vienna on matters of refugees, women, the elderly, crime prevention and social welfare policies (1988-1991)
- Formulation of human rights documents at multilateral forums, including United Nations and regional organizations (1994-2004)
- Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2005); Vice-Chairman of the Committee (2009-2011); Chairman of the Joint Expert Group of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and UNESCO (2011); Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Working Group on the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2015)
- Addressed several international forums, including the Human Rights Council, on matters related to economic, social and cultural rights (2007-2015)
- Currently involved in training of professionals, activists, students and officials on the functions related to United Nations human rights bodies, with special reference to economic, social and cultural rights

Current position(s)

- Associate Professor, International Law and Organization, Port-Said University

Publications

- "Six Pillars of Wisdom: Human Rights in the Arab Region" (2007), Proceedings of the Doha Forum on Democracy, Development and Free Trade
- "The Global Environment and the Use of Economic sanctions" (2003), The South African Institute of International Affairs, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- "Areas of Action for the South in the 21 century" (2001), The South African Institute of International Affairs, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Marc France Eddy Balancy (Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 6 March 1953, Mauritius

Working languages: English and French

Education

Secondary

- Attended the Royal College, Port Louis, one of the best state secondary schools, from 1965 to 1972

Tertiary

- Pursued, between 1973 and 1976, undergraduate university studies at the prestigious King's College of the University of London, and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with honours
- Followed, from 1977 to 1978, a post-graduate course in socio-legal studies at Brunel University, England and graduated with a Master of Laws degree, the "M.A. Sociology and Law"
- Followed the vocational course for barristers at the Council of Legal Education, London (1977-1978), passed the Bar Finals examination in mid-1978, and called at the Bar of England and Wales

Professional activities

- Hearing cases both at first instance (mostly constitutional and administrative law cases involving human rights issues) and on appeal (both civil and criminal) at the Supreme Court of Mauritius
- Conducting, on an occasional basis, courses in criminal procedure and advocacy in relation to the vocational examinations for the legal profession, and induction courses for new barristers
- Representing Mauritius at international conferences on subjects related to the judicial function, notably the rule of law and human rights

Current position(s)

Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius

(Explanation: There are presently 21 Judges at the Supreme Court in Mauritius. The highest in rank is the Chief Justice, followed by the Senior Puisne Judge, who is accordingly the second in rank in the hierarchy, and the Puisne Judges)

Publications

Author of three books on Mauritian law:

- (1) The Information
- (2) The Law of Conspiracy in Mauritius
- (3) Basic Criminal Procedure and Evidence for Prosecutors

Chen Shiqiu (China)

Date and place of birth: November 1938, China

Working languages: Chinese and English

Education

- Hefei Industry University, China (1957-1960)
- Foreign Affairs College, China (1960-1964)

Professional activities

- 2007-2012: Member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee
- 2002-2006: Member of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
- 1998-2002: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Indonesia
- 1995-1998: Director-General of the Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
- 1990-1995: Permanent Representative and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna, Permanent Representative and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Permanent Representative and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to International Atomic Energy Agency
- 1986-1990: Counsellor and the Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
- 1982-1986: Second Secretary, First Secretary and then Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland
- 1979-1982: Deputy Director of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

Current position(s)

- Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Part-time professor of China University of Political Science and Law
- Deputy Chair of the China United Nations Association
- Deputy Chair of the China Society for Human Rights Studies
- Council Member of China Society of International Law

Laura-Maria Craciunean (Romania)

Date and place of birth: 17 March 1978, Sibiu, Romania

Working languages: English, French and Spanish

Education

A. Main education

- **Postdoctoral studies in law** (2013), "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania — Subject matter of my post-doctoral research thesis: *The International Protection of Cultural Rights and Cultural Diversity*
- **PhD in law** (2008), "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania
- **Post-university studies in law** (2002), "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania
- **Bachelor of law** (2001), "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania

B. Additional courses/education

- **Invited professor** at Straniak Summer Academy for Democracy and Human Rights, Ulcinj, Montenegro (September 2015); lecture on social rights and poverty reduction
- **Invited professor** at the fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, New York (February 2015); paper: Looking at the MDGs and the SDGs through an ALL Human Rights Lens
- **Speaker** at the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, (August 2015); reflection paper on: Mainstreaming human rights in the implementation of the post-2015 agenda
- **Visiting fellow/researcher** (2012), Amsterdam Center for International Law, University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law, the Netherlands
- **Member of the research group on Cultural Diversity** (2009), The Hague Academy of International Law, Centre for Research in International Law and International Relations, The Hague, the Netherlands
- **Research and documentation stages** at: 1. Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany (2013); 2. European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Florence, Italy (2011).
- **Specialization courses**: 1. The right to a fair trial in the European Court of Human Rights, Fair Trials International, Strasbourg, France (2012); 2. Summer Course on Public International Law, Xiamen Academy of International Law, Xiamen, China (2010); 3. Summer Course on German and European Law, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany (2008); 4. Specialization Course in International Criminal Law, International Institute for Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Syracuse, Italy (2007); 5. Summer Course on Public International Law, The Hague Academy of International Law; The Hague, the Netherlands (2007); 6. Summer University — Europe Between the

Freedom of Culture and the Culture of Freedoms, "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law, Sibiu, Romania (2007); 7. The International Criminal Court — Status Quo and Future Challenges, organized by the Academy of European Law, Trier, Germany (2007); 8. Summer Course on Human Rights Law, European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Florence, Italy (2006)

Professional activities

- **Academic experience:** 1. Associate Professor (Public International Law, Diplomatic Law and International Humanitarian Law) since October 2014; 2. Lecturer (Public International Law, Diplomatic Law, Humanitarian Law), 2008-present; 3. Assistant Professor (Public International Law, Romanian Constitutional Law), 2006-2008; 4. Tutor (Public International Law, Romanian Constitutional Law), 2004-2006; 5. Substitute Tutor (Public International Law, Romanian Constitutional Law), 2002-2004. All positions mentioned above were occupied at "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law
- **Legal profession experience:** 1. Lawyer (labour law, family law), National Union of Romanian Bars Association, Sibiu Bar Association (2010-present); 2. Legal adviser (labour law, commercial law) at Nina, Tacom, Icos Trading Ltd. Companies (2003-2004); 3. Legal adviser (labour law, commercial law) at Al-Comsib Stock Company (2001-2003)

Current positions

- **Independent Expert**, Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (since 2014). Member of the drafting groups on: corruption and human rights; local governments and human rights; discrimination against persons affected by leprosy; migrant children and adolescents
- **Vice-dean** at "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law
- **Associate Professor** — Public International Law, Diplomatic Law, Humanitarian Law — "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law; Co-Secretary of Law Review *Acta Universitatis "Lucian Blaga" Iurisprudentia*; Secretary of the Public Law Research Center; Member of ADESTE Association
- **Lawyer** (2010-present) — labour law, family law, National Union of Romanian Bars Association, Sibiu Bar Association

Memberships in associations

- **Member** of the European Society of International Law (2008-present); European Criminal Law Association (2007-present); AAA — Attendees and Alumni of The Hague Academy of International Law (2007-present); Member/Founder of the Legal Advisers College of Sibiu (since 2004-2010); Member of the Sibiu Bar Association (September 2010-present)
- **Member** of the Consultative Committee of the Sibiu Local Agency for Employment (2001-present)
- **Member** of Sibiu Local Commission for Equality of Chances between Women and Men (2010-present)

Publications

- **Total:** 10 books, 70 articles, commentaries published in Romania, Italy, the Netherlands, India and the Republic of Moldova
- **Research interests:** economic, social and cultural rights; minorities rights and protection, human rights and cultural diversity

- **Relevant publications:**

A. Books (selection)

1. *Protecția diversității culturale în dreptul internațional: modelul "uniți în diversitate"?*, [International Protection of Cultural Diversity: "the United in Diversity" Model?], Hamangiu, Bucharest, 2013 (post-doctoral thesis)
2. *Protecția drepturilor culturale în dreptul internațional* [The International Protection of Cultural Rights], C.H. Beck, Bucharest, 2011
3. *Drept diplomatic și consular. Note de curs* [Diplomatic and Consular Law Notebook], Sibiu, 2011
4. *Drept internațional public* [Public International Law], Hamangiu, Bucharest, 2008 and 2014 (second edition) (co-authored by Professor Bianca Selean-Gutan)
5. *Drept internațional umanitar* [International Humanitarian Law], Hamangiu, Bucharest, 2014

B. Articles (selection)

1. *Cultural Rights and a Right to Cultural Identity before the European Court of Human Rights: Present Approaches and Future Challenges* in press for publishing, in D. Moura Vicente, *Towards a Universal Justice? Putting International Courts and Jurisdictions into Perspective*, Brill Academic Publishers, 2015; the book is the result of the collected papers of the International Law Association Regional Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 11-13 September 2014
2. *Implementing Cultural Diversity within and outside the European Union: a test for the EU's and its Members States Competences in Cultural Matters?*, in *Christ University Law Journal*, vol. 4, no.1/2015, (January-June 2015), pp. 103-123, Bangalore, India
3. *Religious Diversity in Romania — Europe's Best Pupil?*, in M.-C. Foblets, N. Yassari (editors), *Approches juridiques de la diversité culturelle/Legal Approaches to Cultural Diversity*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Leiden/Boston, 2013, pp. 637-678
4. *The Draft Law on the Protection of National Minorities in Romania: Towards a Legal Definition of the Syntagm "National Minority"?* in A. Oriolo, A. Vigorito (editors), *La "dimensione culturale" nel diritto interno ed internazionale*, Aracne Editrice, Roma, pp. 99-129
5. *Diversitatea culturală și "uniți în diversitate": valori fundamentale ale dreptului Uniunii Europene. Înainte și după Lisabona* [Cultural Diversity and United in Diversity: Fundamental Values of EU Law. Before and after Lisbon] in *Dreptul* no. 8/2013, Universul Juridic, Bucharest, pp. 226-251

6. Uniunea Europeană și adoptarea Convenției UNESCO din 2005: despre promovarea diversității culturale în relațiile externe ale Uniunii Europene [*The EU and the Adoption of the UNESCO Convention of 2005: on the Promotion of Cultural Diversity in the EU's External Relations*] in *Pandectele Române*, no. 5/2013, Wolters Kluwer, Bucharest, pp. 51-67
7. Drepturile culturale în jurisprudența Curții Europene a drepturilor omului: o încercare de a construi principii comune în materie culturală? [Cultural Rights in the ECHR Jurisprudence: An Attempt to Build some Common Cultural Principles?] in C. Munteanu (editor), *In Honorem Alexandru Bacaci, Ovidiu Ungureanu, Culegere de studii*, Universul Juridic, Bucharest, 2012, pp. 379-388
8. Curtea Europeană a Drepturilor Omului: despre dreptul la identitate culturală [The ECHR: on a Distinct Subjective Right to Cultural Identity] in *Pandectele Române*, no. 7/2012, Wolters Kluwer, Bucharest, pp. 13-31
9. Doctrina marjei de apreciere în jurisprudența CEDO: un instrument util pentru protejarea diversității culturale inter și intra-statale? [The Margin of Appreciation Doctrine: a Useful Instrument for the Protection of inter and intra-state Diversity?] in R. Bercea (editors), *Mai este Curtea Europeană a Drepturilor Omului un mecanism judiciar eficient?* [Is the ECHR an Effective Judicial Mechanism?], Universul Juridic, Bucharest, 2013, pp. 205-217
10. Protocolul Opțional la Pactul Internațional privind Drepturile Economice, Sociale și Culturale: o nouă eră pentru drepturile culturale? [The UN Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: a New Era for Cultural Rights?] in NRDO [*New Romanian Journal of Human Rights*] no. 1/2011, C.H. Beck, available also in English at: http://njhr.ro/?page_id=63
11. Is there a Right to Cultural Identity? in *East-West Cultural Passage*, vol. 11/2011, pp. 142-164
12. The Role of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights General Comment no.21/2009 in Clarifying the Content of the Right to Take Part in Cultural Right, in *Caiete de Drept Internațional International Law Papers*, no. 1/2011
13. About Cultural Rights in International Law: Conceptual Clarifications in RRD1 *Romanian Journal of International Law* no. 12/2011, C.H. Beck, Bucharest, pp. 70-91
14. Protecția diversității culturale în dreptul internațional — UNESCO, între tradiții și cultura diversității [The Protection of Cultural Diversity in International Law — UNESCO, between its Traditions and the Culture of Diversity] in NRDO [*New Romanian Journal of Human Rights*] no. 4/2010, C.H. Beck, Bucharest, pp. 25-42
15. Consiliul Europei, Uniunea Europeană și România, despre libertatea gândirii, conștiinței și a religiei [Council of Europe, European Union and Romania, about freedom of thought, conscience and religion] in *ACTA ULBS* no. 1/2010, Universul Juridic, Bucharest, pp. 281-293
16. Discuții cu privire la condițiile de admisibilitate a comunicărilor adresate Comitetului pentru Drepturile Economice, Sociale și Culturale [Discussions on the Admissibility Conditions for Communications Filed to the International Committee for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights] in *ACTA ULBS* no. 2/2010, Universul Juridic, Bucharest, pp. 227-237

Zdzisław Kedzia (Poland)

Date and place of birth: 2 July 1943, Radom, Poland

Working languages: English

Education

- 1992 — Professor of Law — academic title given by the President of the State
- 1980 — Habilitated Doctor of Law — Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- 1972 — Doctor of Law; Adam-Mickiewicz-University, Poznań (Poland)

Professional activities

Academic life

- Professor at the Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Director of the Poznań Human Rights Centre (until 1991)
- Adviser to the Parliament on human rights and constitutional matters (1989-1991)
- Expert on human rights and constitutional matters at the “Round Table Talks” between the Solidarity Opposition and the Government in 1989
- Adviser to the Polish Ombudsman (1987-1991)
- Lectures at the Hague Academy of International Law, International Annual Course at the International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg, and the Annual Session of the Institute of International Public Law and International Relations of Thessaloniki, as well as at many universities in Poland and abroad (e.g., Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United States of America)

International organizations

- Chief of the Research and Right to Development Branch (including technical assistance to countries in post-conflict and democratic transitions), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (2001-2005)
- Chief of the Programmes and Activities Branch (including field operations in conflict areas) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (1999-2001)
- Senior Adviser to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (1994-1999)

Diplomatic service

- Minister-Counselor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office in Geneva (1991-1994)

- Rapporteur of the forty-ninth session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (1994)
- General Rapporteur of the second World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna (1993)
- Representative of Poland in the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (1993)
- Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee to the World Conference on Human Rights (1991-1993)
- Head of the delegation of Poland to the forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions of the Commission on Human Rights (1992-1993)
- Alternate Member of the Venice Commission "Democracy through Law" (1991-1994)
- Senior Adviser to the Foreign Minister on Human Rights (1990-1991)
- Representative of Poland to the Steering Committee on Human Rights of the Council of Europe (1990-1991)

Current position(s)

- Professor, Chair of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam-Mickiewicz-University of Poznań, Poland
- **Teaching subjects:** constitutional law, international human rights law
- Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (United Nations) — Chair, 2013-2015
- National Director of the European Masters Programme in Human Rights (E.MU), European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization
- Honorary Professor at the University in Hagen (Germany)

Publications

- The Implementation of Social and Economic Rights in Central and Eastern European Countries, in: The Implementation of Economic and Social Rights. National, International and Comparative Aspects, Engel Verlag, 1991
- Right to life, Freedom of movement, The citizen's right to protection by the State while staying abroad, The foreigner's right to be protected against arbitrary expulsion, in: Human Rights. The Legal Model. Studies in International and Comparative Law, Ossolineum, 1991
- An East-European Perspective of an All European System of Human Rights Protection, in: Perspectives of an All European System of Human Rights Protection. The Role of the Council of Europe, the CSCE, and the European Communities, in: All European Human Rights Yearbook, 1991, vol. 1
- The European Convention on Human Rights and the Polish Law, in: Nomos Verlag, 1992
- Comments on the preparatory work for the new Polish Constitution, in: Constitutional Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam 1993

- Remarks on axiology of the future Polish Constitution, *Ethos*, Lublin 1992, vol. 2
- The implementation of international human rights treaties in Poland, in: *Relationships between international and domestic law*, UNIDEM Seminar, 19-21 V 1993r., Poznań 1994
- The Vienna World Conference on Human Rights: a failure or milestone in human rights history?, *International Geneva Yearbook*, 1994, vol. 8
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in: *Recht zwischen Umbruch und Bewahrung*, Springer Verlag 1995
- Constitutional Culture and Human Rights, in: *Constitutional Cultures*, Warsaw Institute of Public Affairs 2000
- United Nations Mechanisms to Promote and Protect Human Rights, in: *Mechanisms of the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights*, UNESCO 2003
- Present-Day Challenges to Human Rights, *The Polish Quarterly of International Affairs*, vol. 12/2003, No. 3
- The Polish contribution to the international human rights protection, in: *Human Rights in the Polish Foreign Policy*, The Polish Institute of International Affairs, 2007
- 2005 World Summit — the reform of the UN human rights programme, *Polish Diplomatic Review*, No. 5, September and October 2007
- The Road to Vienna: Negotiating the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, in: *Global Standards — Local Action: 15 Years of Vienna World Conference on Human Rights*, Vienna, 2009
- Contemporary challenges to human rights in the light of the Polish Constitutional Law Zdzisław Kedzia and Antoni Rost (editor), Poznań, 2009
- Mainstreaming human rights within the United Nations system, in: *International Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms. Essays in honour of Jacob Th. Möller*, Raul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, 2009
- Managing Diversity. Protection of Minorities in International Law, Daniel Thürer, Zdzisław Kędzia (editor), Schulthess Verlag, 2009
- Relationship between the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights after the European Union's accession to the Convention, in: *Fundamental Rights Protection in the European Union*, J. Barcz (editor), Warsaw, 2009
- The Responsibility to Protect: Political Strength vs. Legal Fragility, in "Rafał Lemkin A Hero of Humankind", Agnieszka Bieńczyk-Missala, Sławomir Dębski (editor), Polish Institute of International Affairs, 2010
- Human Rights Diplomacy: Contemporary Perspectives, Michael O'Flaherty, Zdzisław Kedzia, Amrei Müller, George Ulrich (editors), Martinus Nijhoff Publications, Leiden — Boston 2011; Author: Conference Diplomacy and Human Rights
- Reinforcement of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, *European Yearbook on Human Rights* 2014, Intersentia, pp. 23-37
- Constitution Making and Human Rights — a United Nations guidebook (in print)
- Countering Corruption and Human Rights — a United Nations publication (in print)

Sandra Liebenberg (South Africa)

Date and place of birth: 26 February 1965, Durban, South Africa

Working languages: English and Afrikaans

Education

- Schooling: National Senior Certificate
- Higher Education: BA LLB (University of Cape Town) LLM in International Human Rights Law (with distinction) LLD (doctorate in law) (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Diploma, Advanced Course on the International Protection of Human Rights, Åbo Akademi Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University, Finland
- University Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland

Professional activities

- Fellow, Legal Resource Centre (1988)
- Admitted Attorney of the Cape High Court and practiced public interest law (1989-1993)
- Chairperson, Technical Committee (Bill of Rights) of the South African Constitutional Assembly (1995-1997)
- Researcher and Coordinator, Women and Human Rights Project, Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape (UWC) (1995-1996)
- Founder and Director, Socio-Economic Rights Project, Community Law Centre (UWC) (1997-2003)
- Distinguished African Scholar, Cornell University School of Law, USA (2011)
- JC Smith Trust Fund Distinguished Visiting Scholar, School of Law, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom (2015)
- One of two experts appointed by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to draft Principles and Guidelines on the Implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2005-2008)
- Joint convener with the Åbo Akademi of Human Rights and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights annual Advanced International Course on the Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Global School on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) (2005-ongoing)
- Former Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Women's Legal Centre, South Africa
- Founding Chairperson and currently ordinary member of Board of Directors of the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI)
- Advisory Board, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- University of Stellenbosch Chancellor's Award for Service to the Community (2014)

Current position(s)

- Distinguished University Professor and HF Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law, University of Stellenbosch
- Founder and Co-Director: Socio-Economic Rights and Administrative Justice Research Project: <http://blogs.sun.ac.za/seraj/>
- Chairperson, Law Faculty Research Committee

Publications

Books

- S. Liebenberg and G. Quinot (editors) *Law and Poverty: Perspectives from South Africa and Beyond* (2011, Juta & Co)
- S. Liebenberg *Socio-Economic Rights: Adjudication under a Transformative Constitution* (2010, Juta & Co)
- S. Liebenberg (editor) *The Constitution of South Africa from a Gender Perspective* (1995, David Philip Publishers)

Articles and chapters in books

- 28 articles in peer-reviewed journals
- 30 chapters in books

Mikel Mancisidor de la Fuente (Spain)

Date and place of birth: 8 June 1970, Bilbao, Spain

Working languages: Spanish, English and French

Education

- Doctor in International Relations, Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations
- Bachelor in Law (Licenciado), Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao
- Diploma in European Studies and European Law, Instituto de Estudios Europeos. Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao
- Diploma in Master's Programme in International Humanitarian Action, Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao. NOHA (Network on Humanitarian Assistance). Specialization in Geopolitics, Université Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgica)
- Master in Environmental Management, Instituto de Investigaciones Ecológicas AMIEC and The Open International University, London
- Annual Study Session at the International Institute of Human Rights René Cassin, Strasbourg

Professional activities

- **2004-2014** Director of UNESCO Etxea — UNESCO Centre at the Basque Country. Consultative Status to the United Nations and International Relations Status to UNESCO
- **2009-2012** Lecturer in Public International Law at the Universidad de Deusto
- **1995-2004** PTM-Mundubat (www.ptmmundubat.org). **2000-2004**, Human Rights and Legal Issues Coordinator; **1999**, Projects Manager in Colombia; **1997-1998**, Coordinator of European Projects Department; **1995-1996**, Projects Manager in México
- **1999-2000** Director de Coordinación Fundación de Estudios para la Paz y Transformación de Conflictos Gernika Gogoratuz (www.gernikagogoratuz.org)
- **1997-1998** Researcher at the Comparative Research Project on the Non-Profit Sector at the Johns Hopkins University
- **1994-1995** Scholarship at the International Law Department, Universidad de Deusto

Current position(s)

- Vice-Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Rapporteur for a future general comment on science and human rights
- President of the International Institute for the Human Right to Science
- Visiting Professor at the School of Law of the University of Deusto
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Basque Institute for Memory and Human Rights

Honours and awards

- Human Right's Golden Medal 2013 by the Liga Española Pro-Derechos Humanos
- Honorary Research Fellow to the Globecraft Institute at the Geneva School of Diplomacy
- Member of the Jury, Premio Iberoamericano de Derechos Humanos y Cultura de Paz
- Member of the Jury, Prix des Droits de l'Homme — Renné Cassin
- Member of the Expert's Team at the International Programme Chair of United Nations Millennium Goals. Harvard Research Project, hosted at Real Colegio Complutense & Harvard Law School, Massachusetts, United States
- Lecturer at the René Cassin Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg (47th Annual Study Session). Guest Lecturer at the Escuela Diplomática de Madrid; Universidad del Externado, Bogotá; Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya, Barcelona; Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Universidad Carlos III, Madrid; Universidad del País Vasco

Publications

- Mancisidor, Mikel, "Historia del Derecho Humano a la Ciencia" Niko Huhle/ Teresa Huhle (Hrsg.) Die Subversive Kraft der Menschenrechte. Oldenburg, 2015
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Education

- Moscow State Institute of International Relations, summa cum laude, 1970-1975

Professional activities

- 1975-1980 Department of International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (International Labour Organization, European Economic Commission)
- 1980-1988 Assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1988-1991 Deputy Head, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (responsible for political, social and economic issues)
- 1991-1992 Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations, New York (responsible for political, social and economic issues)
- 1992-1993 Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Belarus to the United States of America
- 1993-1997 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the United States of America
- 1997-2000 First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (bilateral and multilateral political affairs, social and economic issues)
- 2001-2003 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Kingdom of Belgium, Head of the Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the European Communities, Head of the Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 2003-2012 Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

Professional experience

- 1991-1997 Vice-Chair of the First Committee of the General Assembly, Chair of Nuclear Disarmament Group of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (three times), Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (several times)
- 1991 Vice-President of the Amendment Conference of the States Parties to the (1963) Treaty Banning Nuclear Tests in the Atmosphere in Outer Space and Under Water
- 1998 Chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission
- 2000 President of the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

- Since 2012 Member, Advisory Council of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance
- Since 2012 Special Representative of "Russneft" in the Republic of Belarus
- Since 2013 Member, Board of Trustees, National Fine Arts Museum, Republic of Belarus

Current position(s)

Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 2001

Publications (most recent)

- "The EU and Belarus: Time for a Fresh Start", in *The EU and Belarus. Between Moscow and Brussels* (article in the book published in the United Kingdom by Federal Trust, whose aim is to enlighten public debate on the issues of national, continental and global government), 2002. pp. 303-316
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Education

- **Primary:** 1973-1979, Atar (Mauritania) — Certificate of Primary Studies
- **Secondary:** 1979-1986, Atar Secondary School — Secondary Education Baccalaureate
- **University:** 1986-1991, University of Nouakchott — Master's degree in Private Law

Professional activities

- **1993-1994:** *Institut professionnel d'aptitude d'avocat, L'institut Supérieur d'Etudes Professionnelles* (Professional Legal Practice Institute, Higher Institute of Professional Studies), Nouakchott
- **Diploma:** *Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle d'avocat* (qualifying certificate for the practice of law), University of Nouakchott
- **1994:** Sworn in as apprentice lawyer
- **1994-1997:** Apprentice lawyer
- **1997:** Practising lawyer
- **1999-2002:** Member of the Council of the National Bar Association of Mauritania

Current position(s)

Attorney-at-Law and member of the National Human Rights Commission

Studies and publications

- Final thesis on tort law under Mauritanian law, University of Nouakchott
- Member of the committee drafting the code to protect juveniles in conflict with the law and the juvenile criminal code
- Defence attorney for juveniles in conflict with the law, in cooperation with the *Terre des hommes* foundation
- Member of the committee drafting the legal aid law

Workshops and other professional activities

- Revision of labour code provisions on work done by women and children

- Participation in several workshops on alternative measures to the preventive detention of children in conflict with the law, organized by the Ministry of Justice
- Participation in a workshop on the internal regulations of rehabilitation centres for juveniles in conflict with the law
- Participation in various meetings on the protection and promotion of rights in Mauritania
- Participation in the national forum to combat corruption
- Participation in a workshop on United Nations rules for the protection of juveniles deprived of their liberty (Defence for Children International)
- Participation in a training and sensitization workshop on the African system for the promotion and protection of human rights and the law on suppression of trafficking in persons in Mauritania
- Participation in a symposium on the International Bar Conference under the common law tradition
- Participation in discussion meetings on refugees
- Leading workshops on the legal framework of alternatives to juvenile preventive detention

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Working languages: English

Education

- Master of Laws Diploma (Juris Doctor at The Anton de Kom University of Suriname); one semester on the LLM Programme on Human Rights of the University of Utrecht (in 2000), Post-graduate Diploma International and Comparative Law (FHR Lim A Po Institute for Social Studies and International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus, The Hague, the Netherlands 2011); and several certificates for trainings for judges and public prosecutors in Suriname (at De Stichting Juridische Samenwerking Suriname Nederland 2000-2011) and in the Netherlands and Curacao

Professional activities

- Retired Public Prosecutor at the Office of the Attorney General at the Court of Justice in Suriname (also part of a special unit at this office in charge of human right issues); legal adviser of the Republic of Suriname in the case of *Stefano Ajinhoena (Moiwana) vs The Republic of Suriname* and the case of the *Saramaka People vs The Republic of Suriname* at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; legal adviser of the Republic of Suriname in several cases pending at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights from 2002 to 2007; from February 2002 until 31 March 2007 member of the Commission of Legal Experts in Human Rights established by the President of the Republic of Suriname; member of the delegation that presented the country report on racial discrimination in 2004 and the country report on civil and political rights in 2004; member of the delegation that presented the national report at the universal periodic review (in 2011); Lecturer in traffic law and human rights law at the professional training for the police inspectors; counterpart with Judge Bob Wit for the human rights course for the public prosecutors in training; trainer in indigenous rights for participants of the Moot Court Competition in the Inter-American Human Right system, 2011/2012; one of the judges at the Moot Court Competition at national level in 2009 and 2012. Member of the Commission on Anti-Trafficking in Persons in Suriname

Current position(s)

- Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2013-2016); retired Public Prosecutor; Director, Watra Human Rights Consultancy NV

Publications

- "De Nawerking van CAO-Bepalingen" (Paramaribo, Anton de Kom University of Suriname, July 1999)

Waleed Sadi (Jordan)

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Working languages: English and Arabic

Education

- Bachelor of Arts (Economics), Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, United States of America
- Juris Doctor (Doctor of Law), University of Chicago, United States

Professional activities

- Diplomat in New York (1965), Washington, D.C. (1969), Moscow (1971), London (1973), Paris (1975)
- Ambassador in Geneva (1980) and Ankara (1985)
- Commission on Human Rights (1976-1980)
- Chair of the Commission on Human Rights (1980-1981)
- Member and Vice-Chair of the Subcommission on Human Rights (1978-1982)
- Member of the Human Rights Committee on civil and political rights (1978-1982; 1990-1994)
- Member of the Board of Trustees, United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture (1982-1990)
- Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1998), Vice-Chair (2008-2010)
- Commissioner General, National Centre for Human Rights, Amman, Jordan (2003-2006)

Current position(s)

- Rapporteur, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- General Coordinator for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Columnist, *Jordan Times*

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Education

- Master in Political Science, German Philology and Geography, University of Heidelberg

Professional activities

- **2006-2010** Human Rights Director of the Protestant Development Organization in Germany
- **2003-2006** Executive Director and Secretary-General of FIAN International (FoodFirst Information and Action Network, www.fian.org), international NGOs (in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council) for the right to adequate food and water
- **1994-2003** Representative of FIAN to the United Nations as well as Representative of FIAN for the Rome-based agencies (FAO/IFAD/WFP)
- **1994-2008** Lecturer at the Institute for Political Science at the University of Heidelberg (Parallel to work at FIAN)
- **1991-1993** Secretary-General of Germanwatch, a German NGO on development and environment (www.germanwatch.org) (parallel to work with FIAN)
- **1991** Scientific coordinator of a research project on "The nexus of trade and environment" at IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis) in Laxenburg, Vienna
- **1986-1994** Programme Officer at FIAN (responsible for several years for the work in Latin America, later Africa: monitoring work, case research, human rights training)

Current position(s)

Deputy Director of the National Human Rights Institution of Germany (German Institute for Human Rights)

Honours

For his many years of dedication and work on the right to food and food security and particularly for his engagement and role during negotiations on the Voluntary Guidelines on responsible governance of tenure of land, forests and fisheries (for the Committee on Food Security, 2010-2012), he was awarded the highest honour of the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture in 2014

Publications

A selection of books, scientific articles and studies (English translations of titles are for guidance only)

Books

- SEITZ, Klaus/WINDFUHR, Michael (1989): "Landwirtschaft und Welthandelsordnung. Handbuch zu den Agrarverhandlungen des GATT", Hamburg, 202 Seiten, [Agriculture and world trade order. Handbook on the agriculture negotiations in the WTO Uruguay Round]
- BRASSEL, Frank/WINDFUHR, Michael (1995): "Welthandel und Menschenrechte", Dietz Nachf., Bonn (Dietz-TB 68) [Trade and human rights]
- WINDFUHR, M. (1995): "Welthandel", Lamuv-Verlag, Göttingen (Lamuv-TB 179) [Trade policy — an introduction]
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Selected articles

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- WINDFUHR, M. (2013): Monitoring der Umsetzung von wirtschaftlichen, sozialen und kulturellen Menschenrechten, in: Mensch und Recht — Festschrift für Eibe Riedel zum 70. Geburtstag, Verlag Duncker & Humblot, Berlin 2013 (editor, Dirk Hanschel, Sebastian Graf Kielmansegg, Uwe Kischel, Christian Koenig, Ralph Alexander Lorz) [Monitoring of the implementation of economic, social and cultural human rights]
- WINDFUHR, M. (2013): Nahrungsmittelsicherheit — eine globale Herausforderung, in: SEF/INEF (Hrsg): Globale Trends 2013, S. 285-306, Frankfurt a.M. (Fischer). [Food security — a global challenge]
- WINDFUHR, M. (2014): Hunger und Menschenrechte, in: Heike Leitschuh-Fechter (Hrsg) Special edition von WeltTrends [Hunger as a human rights issue]

Research/studies

- BALS, Ch./HARMELING, S./WINDFUHR, M. (2008): Climate change, food security and the right to food. Study written for Brot für die Welt, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and Germanwatch, Stuttgart 212 S
- BALS, Ch./HARMELING, S./WINDFUHR, M. (2008): Making the adaptation fund work for the most vulnerable people, Stuttgart, 24 S
- WINDFUHR, M. (2014): Water for agriculture: State obligations under the human right to water and the human right to adequate food. Study written for the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture, January 2014
- WINDFUHR, M./WEINGÄRTNER, L. (2014): International Dimension of the right to adequate food. Study written for FAO for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Adequate Food, Rome, 2014